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In Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats,  
Reefer Coats and Vests, Cardigan  
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Caps, Gloves and Mittens.

We have a lot of EXTRA FINE OVERCOATS that will be sold at a BIG DISCOUNT.

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Keep at all times THE BEST OF MEATS, both fresh and cured. Beef, Pork, Mutton, Veal, Lamb, Ham, Sausage and EVERY SEASONABLE NOVELTY.

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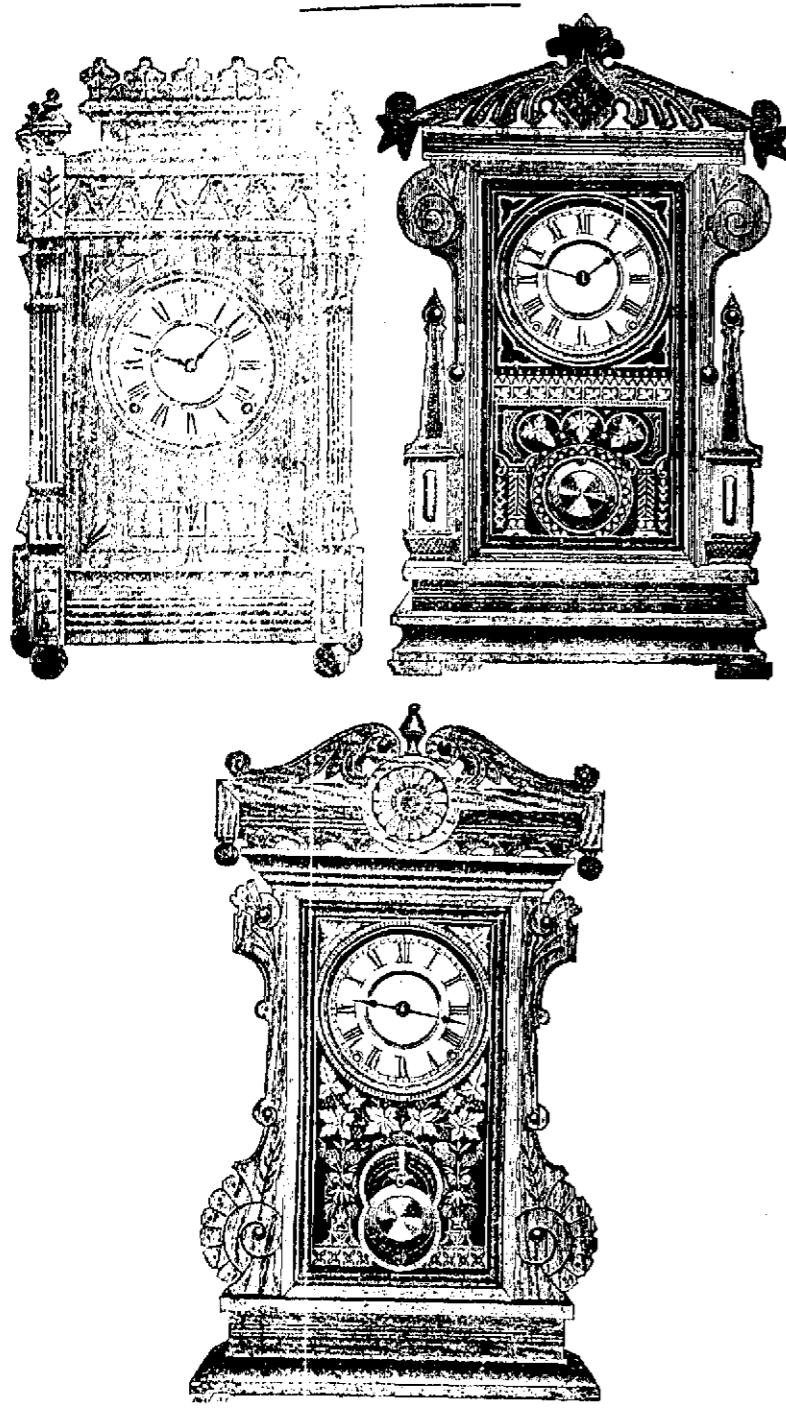
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We have a perfect stock of Reliable Clocks. The Hour and Half-Hour Strike. We keep both the "CATHEDRAL GONG" as well as the "LOUD BELL" strikes.

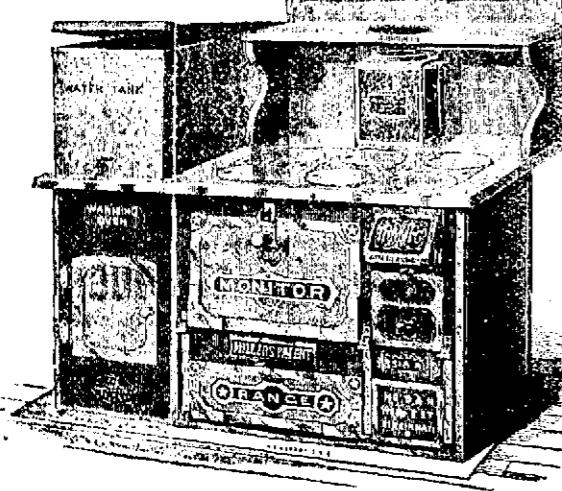
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Our Holiday Meats are sold and we again return to the sale of everyday beef, the quality of which we guarantee to be equal to that found in any market in this or other cities. We are prepared to supply you at all times with THE BEST OF EVERYTHING you may need in our line.

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By keeping your feet warm and dry. A complete line of RUBBER FOOTWEAR constantly in stock at

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### SPECIALTIES.

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### COFFEES,

PRINCESS TEA,

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### BOOTH OYSTERS,

Quaker City Preserves,

4-X Maple Syrup,

Pennsylvania Buckwheat,

Extra German Soap,

AT

DINGES & GLOYD'S.

WEDNESDAY EVE, FEB. 8, 1888.

### LOCAL NEWS.

For dinner and tea sets, go to E. D. BAIRHOLLOW & Co.'s.

Prayer meetings this evening.

BILL NYE coming Feb. 14. 21-2d

Seven degrees above zero this morning, a full of 23 degrees in 24 hours.

The great play, "Forgiven," to-morrow night.

The opera L'Eclair at the opera house Saturday night. 8-4d

Good groceries every day at Niedermeyer's popular store on the Mound.

The men who pay the county bills are in town.

Order the celebrated White Foam and Domestic Family flour. You will like it.

Pretty JARBEAU and catching music Friday night.

Heard the Goodman Band concert to-night at the opera house. It will surprise you.

Call on Knob & Osborne at 121 North Water street for superior groceries and canned fruits.

JARBEAU has found "Starlight" a most commendation bit of nonsense. That's enough, don't you think?

YESTERDAY J. W. Weigand met with an accident while handling a box. One of the fingers of his right hand was broken.

The visiting supervisors had hard work to do in Decatur court house.

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### THE COUNTY SENATORS.

Mass Convention of Supervisors of the State—Committees Appointed.

In September of last year Supervisor M. M. Stoecky, of Bellville, introduced a resolution at the session of the St. Clair county board, suggesting that a mass convention of all supervisors of Illinois be held in Decatur. In conformity with this resolution and after the motion had been seconded by about 50 supervisors in different parts of the state, the local committee—Supervisor Woodcock, Durfee, Imboden, Manecke, Hanes and Happer—issued the call, fixing the date for February 8, to-day. In the call the purpose of the mass convention was set forth in the following language:

The object of said convention being to discuss county government in its various branches, and to do all possible to make the system more perfect over the entire state, and also to discuss such other matters as may come before the convention TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

The hour fixed for the opening was 10 o'clock, at which time there were about 20 visiting supervisors in the court room.

After an informal talk a temporary organization was effected by the election of Frank Perrin, of St. Clair county, as chairman, and J. W. Yants, of Shelbyville, as secretary.

On motion the following committees were appointed:

On Credentials—J. S. Hartman, of Jackson; T. R. R. Woodcock, of Macon; Ira T. Baird, of Shelby; James T. of Madison, and E. Nixon, of Monroe.

On Permanent Organization—C. M. Twaddell, of Moultrie county; G. S. Durfee, of Macon; C. J. Miner, of Shelby; John Campbell, of Henderson, and B. F. Irish, of McDonald.

On Rules and Order of Business—Frank Perrin, of St. Clair county; E. R. Mofet, of Macon; T. H. Holt, of Rockland; G. W. Moore, of Morgan, and Geo. B. Cole.

The convention then adjourned until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon and the committee retired to perform their duties.

NOTES.

The supervisors may linger with us until to-morrow. They are here to become acquainted with each other and to come to an understanding as to the best methods of managing county affairs.

Possibly the organization will be made permanent and regular annual meetings held.

The members of the Macon county board are the hosts of the occasion and will do the honors generously.

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### Look Here, Visitors.

The special attention of all visiting supervisors and members of the I. O. M. A. society, is directed to the grand concert to be given to-night at the opera house by Goodman's band, famous all over the state as the best organization of the kind in the west.

The band will give a musical treat second only in merit to the entertainments that have made Giuare famous. The price of admission is very low—25 cents; reserved seats 35 cents. Hear the concert.

HARRY SMITH has invested \$700 in a fine soda fountain. He has obtained the sole right to sell Gurley's soda in Decatur the coming season.

Last evening Mrs. E. A. Gastman entertained the members of her Sabbath school class at the Baptist church by giving them a reception at her home from 3 to 11 o'clock. The young men engaged in a variety of intellectual games and partook of the fine refreshments served. The guests were Julius Westermann, Alvin Bower, Bert Clark, Floyd Gastman, Lynn Barnes, Frank Meade, Lou Conradt and Elmer Bower.

"Dor Leedle German Band" came to town to-day with the supervisors to make free music on the streets.

The Jubilee Singers.

Mr. C. B. Wilson, manager of the Waits Home Jubilee Singers, formerly the Tennesseeans, consisting of eight colored artists, will give a grand concert Friday night at Music Hall for the benefit of the Waits' Training School, a new institution of Chicago. We are assured that it deserves a large patronage.

The troupe has free transportation to any point on the Illinois Central road. Admission 50 and 25 cents.

"It's worth its weight in gold," is a common expression. But, while the value of gold is easily ascertained, the worth of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, as a blood purifier, never depreciates. It will eradicate scrofula from the system when everything else fails.

You have a standing invitation to buy reliable good groceries, sound potatoes and fruits at Hanks & Patterson's store.

That section of the ladies of the Presbyterian church of which Mrs. Westbury is president will give a Martha Washington reception and supper on the eve of February 22d in Gallagher block.

SMOKED the White Cross, a new five-cent cigar, manufactured by John Omers, sold by all first-class dealers. Try it and be convinced that it is the best nickel cigar ever made or sold in Decatur. 3-2d

BUY groceries and vegetables at Geo. Quisenberry's store, and don't forget that he has a first-class meat market in connection with the store.

D. W. BRADY & BRO. will hold a public sale, March 4, 1888, at their fine one-half mile north of Decatur, of 40 of Grade Clyde and Norman mares and Geldings from 3 to 5 years old. Jan 28 dñe.

MISS KATE BENSON well merits the many compliments paid her by the press wherever she has appeared. She is a very natural actress and her voice is delightful.—New York Mirror.

"My little son, three years of age, was terribly afflicted with scrofula. His head was entirely covered with scrofulous sores, and his body showed many marks of the disease. A few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him."—W. J. Beckett, Hymera, Ind.

INSTRUCT the children in the art of music, and get them a first-class instrument, like the Haines Bros' pianos, sold by C. B. Prescott.

STOP at Lytle & Eckels' hardware store and learn the exceedingly low prices for household supplies.

"Antislavery" Photograph Gallery.

I have leased the "Tower" art gallery and will be ready for business Saturday February 11, 1888. I have come to stay, and if you desire good photos give me a call. All parties having work done on Saturday next, I will give them a Photo of the Famous "Jag Rock" of Sheals, Indiana. The picture is on exhibition at the gallery, corner of South Park and Water streets, over Pedenbridge & Burrows' bank. Hoping to have a share of the public patronage. I am

Yours Respectfully,

Feb 8-8-88

H. A. WALLACE.

Mural Decoration:

My specialty this year is fine work in the above line. I will guarantee every job to give satisfaction.

Louis H. Abel.

The Bluegrass Shop will make you low figures on vehicle work.

UPHOLSTERING and Furniture Repairing done by A. Beer. Will please every body. Lincoln Square. Jan 15-1888.

### The Animals of the Owaneco Case.

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# WE MADE A CLEAN SWEEP Of Holiday Goods

AT

THE WHITE FRONT.

And as we did not MARK UP BE-  
FORE THE HOLIDAYS we do not  
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For a Good Square Deal, go to

JOHN IRWIN'S WHITE FRONT,

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We have secured the Agency of the

CELEBRATED KNOX HAT

We are showing the New Shape for the

SPRING SEASON.

New Line of

Spring Overcoats.

OTTENHEIMER & CO.,

135 East Main Street, Decatur.

One Price Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

Whoop Her Up Liza Jane! The Boom has Come.

GREAT AUCTION SALE!

Eight Joe Dandy Lots; Best Residence Lots in the City, AT  
YOUR OWN PRICE---On a Credit of 10 Years.

Interest Only 7 Per Cent.

Benefit of PAVED STREET, STREET CARS, Banker

"Jim" Millikin's and Dog Ringer Hill's Elegant Lawns.

We are authorized to sell AT AUCTION on

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1888,

At 2 p.m., on the premises, without limit or reserve, the block of ground located at the corner of West Main and Pine streets, now occupied by A. Wait as a residence. It will be subdivided into 8 lots, four fronting on West Wood street and four on West Main street, with a frontage of 50 feet each.

If you want the best residence lots in the city wait until March 22, and make your own price and terms. Parties purchasing can make terms of payment to suit themselves, or in ten annual installments, conditions that they improve this season. 10 per cent of the purchase money will be required to be paid on day of sale, same to be returned when improvements are made. Those who purchase not intending to improve this season, 10 per cent on day of sale and 15 per cent in 30 days.

House of 8 rooms, in good condition, on one of the West Main street lots, will be opened for inspection three days immediately before sale, or at any other time by getting special order from us.

JESSE LEFORGE & SONS.

### A PROPOSAL.

"Miss Golding, excuse me from kneeling; My two hours have lately been passed; But still you are the darling of my heart; And still you sit in my breast. Aw! Fact! is my Guy has decided. I've cut quite enough about town, And told my mother wader-wude. He thought it time I settled down. I'm not very much on the mabwy, But thought of you---a wife away You are, aw! may I call you Chawby? That's what you say, and I may say, All you need is name and position. And that I am ready to give; On ten thou a year in addition, We beggars shoud certainly live. You accept me? I thought so. Thank Heaven, I've one trouble off my mind; Well, I must go off, for it's seven. May I kiss you? Thank you! Awfully kind. The six girls I popped to I missed; For you were the last on the list!"

—E. D. Person, in "Iroquois Magazine."

### ONE NIGHT OF MY LIFE.

Never-to-Be-Forgotten Experience With a Madman.

MY DARING ALICE—I will try, and be with you to-night. My business takes me to a small town about twenty miles from your house, and I expect to be home to-morrow. I will be home into your sweet eyes and hearing you say that you are true to me, so I shall ride over in the afternoon, and God willing, shall hold you in my arms to-night.

YOUR OWN JACK. Having dispatched my day's business and sent this letter to my sweetheart, I left the Jack therein mentioned, hastened to hire a horse for the purpose of riding the twenty miles which separated me from Alice, my betrothed bride. As my business—which was that of a traveling agent for a prosperous house—obliged me to be often away from home, a chance like this to see Alice was very precious to me.

It was six o'clock in the evening when I started out on my horse and leers, drew forth a coil of rope; nodding his head and gibbering, he arranged a noose, and with another blood-curdling laugh, he placed it about my neck.

My God, the agony of that moment, when I realized that I was absolutely at the mercy of that madman! Tighter and tighter he drew the rope, till my face grew black with suffocation, and my eyes and tongue started from my head. Consciousness was almost gone when the pressure was slowly, steadily relaxed, and the maniac's feature glared down upon me once more. I breathed again, he had spared me; the rush of joyful feeling overcame me. He mocked the expression of my face, and, chuckling, drew the noose again, exulting to watch my face purple, and my eyes protrude. Twenty times I thought my death agony at hand, and twenty times, with a maniac's cunning, he restored my breath and prolonged my torture. How he chuckled and muttered to himself, wagging his finished head, and oh! my God, how, when I struggled to get free, wrestling in agony with death and torture, he uttered his insane, exulting laugh.

How I longed and prayed for death; how I hoped the madman would once draw the noose so tight that, when relaxed, my breath would still refuse to come. Suddenly his brain seemed possessed with some new plan.

Slowly he drew off the rope, and, with one backward glance, left the room. At first I dared not hope for life; but when the time went by and still he came not, I began to think that he was gone entirely, and that my life might be saved. I struggled to free myself once more, struggled and writhed until my heart nearly burst through my body; but in vain. Just then a new sound caught my ear, filling it with untoward dread. A fork of light shot up. Yes, it was true, the maniac had set fire to the hotel. And now I saw his face gazing at me through the window. Making one last superhuman effort, I uttered a fearful shriek. The madman leaped in at the window, and at the same instant another form followed him. Some one seized me. I knew no more.

It had come—the storm which my landlord had foretold. I spurred on my horse; a big drop of rain splashed over my face; the darkness thickened; and at the same instant through the gloom loomed up the outlines of the huge howler, which a turn in the road had before hidden from my sight. A slight shiver crept over me as I recalled the tales connected with it. And thought upon my own lonely situation. Something of this feeling seemed to enter into my horse, for as we neared the rock, shrouded in darkness, he trembled from head to foot. Using all my strength, I forced him past it, and at the same instant there sounded upon my ear a low burst of laughter, so peculiar in its tone as to send an icy shudder through me. A something that was not human sounded in it. It was fiendish, devilish. Conquering my momentary weakness, I strained my eyes to pierce the darkness, in the hope of discovering the shape from which those sounds proceeded, but all was silent and deserted as the grave. The form must have been swallowed up in darkness, for I saw nothing. A strange feeling of dread weighed on my heart, vague and indefinite, and the night grew blacker and blacker.

The storm drew nearer, and my every effort was now directed to gain some place of shelter from the rain. I looked in vain for a light in the distance; all was black and desolate; torrents of rain poured down, soaking me to the skin; thunder crashed, and my poor horse galloped as for his life.

Once, between the thunder peals, I seemed to hear that same low, mad laugh in my ear, and shuddering, I wildly spurred my poor horse. Just then a vivid flash of lightning illuminated the road, disclosing a hut about a hundred feet in advance; a second flash enabled me to reach the opening which had once been a door; but the whole miserable place was in a ruinous condition. For years it had been abandoned to wind and weather.

Frightfully I entered, and found myself in the largest of the two rooms which the hovel boasted. The ceiling was broken away, and the rain poured in upon the rotting floor, and beat through the broken windows.

A Sound Legal Opinion. Dr. Red Clover, Tonie is the most successful blood purifier ever put on the market. Its wonderful cures in all stomach, kidney and liver trouble has brought out many imitations. It restores debilitated nerve tissues, restoring the force lost by sickness, mental work or the excessive use of liquor, opium and tobacco. Dr. A. J. Stoner will supply the genuine at 50 cents a bottle.

This great remedy will ward off as well as cure all Malaria Diseases, and for all Kidney, Liver and Stomach Disorders stands unequalled. Price, 50¢ and \$1 at J. A. Swearingen's Drug Store.

No, ma'am, said a grocer to an applicant for credit, "I wouldn't even trust my own self."

Somehow ambiguous.—Visiting friend—"You have got a pretty house." "Lady who has just moved in"—"Yes, but we are all in confusion, and it does take such a long time to get things settled." Visiting friend—"Yes, a long time." Lady—"Yes, but I hope we'll be all settled before you call again."—Boston Courier.

—Bobbi was at a neighbor's, and in response to a piece of bread and butter politely said: "Thank you." "I like to hear little boys say Thank you." "Yes, ma told me I must say that if you gave me any thing to eat, even if it wasn't nothing but bread and butter."—Christian Advocate.

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Office with Miss Broe, over Linn & Scoville's store, H. M. MANNAH, Collector. Decatur, Ill., Jan. 29, 1888. Bldg. & W.

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